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## Public Notices.

THEATRE ROYAL, DUBLIN.
Mr. HARRIS has much pleasure to announce that he has, in conjunction with Mr. WILLERT BEALE, made arrangements for a short series of Italian Operas, commencing on MONDAY, SEPT. 10, 1860, supported by the following eminent Artistes:—
Madame Grisi, Signor Mario,
Madame Viardot, Signor Aufelo Luisi,
Mdlle. Orvil, Signor Graziani,
Mdlle. Sedlazek, Signor Fallar,
Mdlle. Rita, Signor Kinni,
and Signor Ciabrel,
Madame Gassier (her first appearance since her return from America), Signor Ciampi, Primo Basso Profundo, of her Majesty's Theatre, &c.
Soggeritore—Signor Operti.
The Operas will be produced with an increased Band and Chorus, under the direction of Signor Vianesi.
Leader—Mr. Levy.
The repertoire will include "Lucrezia Borgia," "Il Trovatore" "Norma," "Maria," "La Favorita" "Puritani" "Il Don Giovanni," "Macbeth," and Gluck's, celebrated "Orfeo and Euridice" which has caused so much sensation in London and Paris during the last season.
Mr. HARRIS begs to announce that this will be the only Italian Opera season of the season.
Cross Reservation of Stalls, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st.
The Box-office will be open on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st. Doors open at Half-past Seven—to commence at Eight o'clock.
Private Boxes, 3 Guineas; 4 Guineas; 5 Guineas. Dress Circle, Reserved Circle, 1s; Pit, 3s; Lower Gallery, 2s; Upper Gallery, 1s.
The Free List entirely suspended, the Press excepted.

THE QUEEN'S ROYAL THEATRE.
Last week of Herr NICOLO DEULIN and his talented Family.
BENEFIT and last appearance but one of Mr. HARRY WILLIAMCOMBE,
the celebrated Comedian.
ON THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING, AUG. 24,
The performances will commence with the Drama, entitled
OUR NELLY.
Tom College ... Mr. G. Vincent.
Augustus Coddleson ... Mr. H. Widdicombe.
Miss Nelly Bell ... Mrs. H. Webb.
GROTESQUE GYMNASTIC ENTERTAINMENT, by the Deulin Family.
To be followed by (last time) the original and powerful Drama (in Three Acts), written by Mr. F. Phillips, comedian, entitled a
BIRD IN THE HAND WORTH TWO IN THE BUSH.
Roderick Praiseworthy ... Mr. H. Webb.
Reginald Prideaux ... Mr. George Vincent.
Mr. Caples Shark ... Mr. H. Widdicombe.
BOWLED OUT.
Mr. Ezekiel Yearner ... Mr H Widdicombe.
Doors, 2s.; Pit, 1s.; Lower Gal., 6d.; Up. do., 3d. second Price at Nine o'clock—Boxes, 1s.; Pit, 6d. Lower Private Boxes, 2s.; Upper Private Boxes, 10s.; Upper Gallery, 6d.

ROYAL PORTOBELLO GARDENS.
THIS EVENING, AUGUST 24,
M. BLONDIN,
Who crossed the Falls of Niagara, will make his First Appearance, and take his Terrific Walk across the Grounds on a single rope, at an elevation of Fifty Feet, surrounded by a display of Fire Works.
Mr. F. MACCABE the Celebrated Proteus Soloist, in his astonishing Gymnastics, the astonishing performances of the Jameson Family, the Rocky Mountain wonders, the amusing Marionettes; concluding for with a grand display of Fireworks.
Gardens Open at 6.
Admission, 1s.; Reserved Seats, 6d. extra; Promenade Free.
In consequence of the heavy expense attending this engagement, all complimentary admissions suspended, the press excepted.
Owing to the inclemency of the weather, the performances announced for the Benefit of Mr. KIRBY, are postponed till MONDAY, AUG. 27.

KINGSTOWN.—ATHLETIC GAMES.—These Games will take place THIS DAY (FRIDAY), AUGUST 24th, if the weather be at all favourable, commencing at half-past Three o'clock, and finishing the Athletic Games about Six o'clock. Pass checks will be afterwards issued to parties wishing to see Duvalli's terrific ascent at half-past Eight o'clock, and the Fireworks.
Admission, 1s.; after 7 o'clock, 6d.; children half price.
Further Entries can be made on the ground, within ten minutes of the hours specified in the Programme for any of the different competitions.

ROTUNDO.—Grand Competition of Athletic Games on MONDAY next, August 27, 1860, given by the Champion Competition Committee for the Benefit of Mr. JOHN LEVEY, Manager of these Games.
Gentlemen only allowed to compete.
On this occasion most of the Gentlemen, including all the champions who gave such general satisfaction at the Champion Competition, will be present, and the prizes are of such a nature as to ensure such a trial of skill and strength as is seldom, if ever, witnessed.
Gates Open at Half-past Two. Sports commence at Three precisely, and conclude at half-past Six o'clock.
A Military Band will attend.
Admission—Reserved Seats, 1s. 6d.; Promenade, 1s.; Back Grounds, 6d.
N.B.—The Grounds will be properly divided, and anyone forcing themselves from the Back Grounds into the Reserved parts will be absolutely expelled from the Gardens.
Programme of Competitions for Men—Flat Races, 100 yards, 440 yards, Half-mile, and 3 Miles Race for a Silver Cup; Hurdle Race, at 660 yards; Vaulting with the Hands and Pole, High Leap, Running Long Leap, and Throwing the Hammer under 16, 100 yards, and Half-mile Flat Races, 400 yards, Hurdle Race, and Vaulting with the hands. For Lads under 12, 200 yards Flat Race.
Ornamental Prizes—Three Magnificent Cups, for the Competitions, for which Silver Medals will be given, 2s. each; Lads, 1s.
Entries to be made to Mr. J. LEVEY, College Hotel, College-street. Entries close on Saturday, August 25th.

SANDYMOUNT CRICKET GROUND.
By the kind permission of the Sandymount Cricket Club, who have granted the use of their ground to Mr. T. Kirby for the occasion, a second Grand Subscription Fete and Fashionable Promenade will take place on TUESDAY Evening, August 28, 1860, commencing at Five o'clock, with a variety of Athletic Games, and Foot Races, under the distinguishing Patronage of Gentlemen.
Entries to be made with Mr. T. Kirby up to Monday evening, by permission a Military Band will attend. After the games a full display of Fireworks under the superintendence of Mr. T. Kirby, the Pyrotechnic Artist by special appointment to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, to the Theatre Royal and Royal Portobello Gardens, 71, Lower Sackville-street, Dublin. On this occasion the Most Beautiful Display of Fireworks will be equal to those exhibited by Mr. T. Kirby at the last Kingstown Regatta.

JULIEN FESTIVAL
At the ROTUNDO, DUBLIN, on MONDAY EVENING, AUGUST 27th, and TUESDAY MORNING and EVENING, AUGUST 28th.
MADAME JULLIEN
Under the Immediate Patronage of his Excellency the LORD LIEUTENANT GENERAL.
Who has graciously signified his intention of honouring the Concert on the 27th with his presence.
On which occasion the entire Force will consist of the members of the late
MONSIEUR JULLIEN'S BAND,
Conducted by the
PRINCE GEORGE GALITZIN.
Vocalist—MISS POOLE.
The Programme will include M. Jullien's celebrated "Irish Quadrilles," "Warsaw Varsovianas," English Quadrilles," "Assault at Arms," and (for the first time) "Jullien's Last Waltz."
ALSO,
THE CELEBRATED CAMPBELL'S MINSTRELS
will appear.
The entire Suite of Rooms will be thrown open.
Prices—Gallery and Front Seats, 2s 6d; Promenade, 1s 6d; Evening Concert doors open at 7, to commence at 8. Morning Concert doors open at 1, to commence at 2.
Tickets to be had of Messrs Pigott, Russell, Moore, Bray, Shade, Slater, and Wicksteed, Musicsellers.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND.
Mr. JOHN HENRY CHAPMAN, son of the late George Chapman, Esq., late Military Storekeeper of Hongkong, having been solemnly and publicly examined, on two several days, obtained letters Testimonial qualifying him to practise Surgery.
(By order of the Council)
JOHN BRENNEN, Registrar.

YORK-STREET CHAPEL.
In compliance with the expressed wish of several of the hearers of the Rev. J. B. SMITH, on last Sabbath, in the METROPOLITAN HALL,
A SERMON will be delivered by the Rev. J. B. SMITH, of Belfast, on this evening. Service at Eight o'clock.

The Religious Society of Friends think it right to apprise the Public, that RACHEL WILSON MOORE, accompanied by her Husband, has arrived from America, and has been holding "Religious Meetings" in England and Scotland, in the character of a Minister. They are not Members of, nor in any way recognised by, the Society of Friends in this or any other country; nor is it at all responsible for any Doctrines which they may promulgate.
SAMUEL HEWITT,
JOSEPH BEWLEY,
JONATHAN PIM,
JOSEPH ALLEN.
On behalf of the Society of Friends,
4, Eustace-street, Dublin,
22nd of 8th Month, 1860.

RELIGIOUS NOTICE.
F. WILSON MOORE, and RACHEL WILSON MOORE, his Wife, the latter a Minister in the Society of Friends, from Philadelphia, U.S., will hold a RELIGIOUS MEETING, SIXTH DAY (FRIDAY) EVENING, at 7½ o'clock, in the ROTUNDO, which the Public are respectfully invited to attend.
Admission free.
8th Mo. 24th, 1860.

GREAT JUVENILE TEMPERANCE DEMONSTRATION.
In consequence of the unsettled state of the weather, the Committee have received that the above shall be held in the METROPOLITAN HALL, and not in the ROTUNDO, DUBLIN, as stated, on this Day, FRIDAY, the 24th instant, at Three o'clock.
The Royal Hibernian School, with their excellent Band, will enliven the proceedings with music.
Rev. J. D. Smith, the unrivalled Orator; Mr. Benson, a Coloured Gentleman from the United States; and Mr. Jonathan Revell, the popular lead of Hope Mission, Kilmainham, will sing several Melodies, accompanied with the Concertina.
Admission—Children 1d Adults, 6d.
(By order.)

THE MIDLAND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF IRELAND.
Notice is hereby given that the next half-yearly General Ordinary Meeting of the Shareholders in the Company will be held on THURSDAY, the 20th SEPTEMBER NEXT, at the hour of One o'clock in the Afternoon, at the Company's Office, at the Broadstone Station, in the City of Dublin, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors and statement of accounts, of declaring a Dividend, and transacting the ordinary business of the Company.
The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 6th to the 20th day of September next, both days inclusive. And after the transaction of the said ordinary business, an extraordinary Meeting of said Shareholders will be held at the same place, when the following matters will be submitted for approval—viz.:—
To enable the Company, for the purposes of taking Shares in the Capital of the Great Western of Western (of Ireland) Railway Company, to raise certain sums of money by the creation and issue of new Shares or stock of this Company, and to determine the amount thereof in accordance with the provisions of the Great Northern and Western of Ireland Act, 1859, and the several acts incorporated therewith.
(By order)
HENRY BEAUBIRE, Secretary.
Broadstone, Dublin, 23rd August, 1860.

MIDLAND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.
MULLINGAR AUGUST FAIR.
1st, 2nd, and 3rd class Passengers, will leave the Broadstone Terminus, Dublin, at five o'clock (morning), calling as follows:—

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| Enfield | 6.57, a.m. | Furnstock | 6.7, a.m. |
| Leixlip | 7.5, " | Rathcoffey | 7.22, " |
| Celbridge | 7.15, " | Maynooth | 7.30, " |
| Lucan | 5.35, " | Moyvally | 8.30, " |
| Leixlip | 5.54, " | Hill of Down | 9.42, " |
| Maynooth | 6.27, " | Kilcock | 9.57, " |
| Kilcock | 6.55, " | Woolwich | 7.3 " |

Fares—Single, 4s; Return, 7s.
Cattle will leave Mullingar about 7-30 o'clock, morning.
The Intermediate stations to set down passengers), and will arrive in Dublin about 5 o'clock afternoon.
W. FORBES, Manager.

COUNTY OF DUBLIN, TO WIT.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that I have THIS DAY appointed RANDLE PETTON, Solicitor, of 80, Middle Abbey-street, Dublin, as Election Auditor for the said County, pursuant to Statute.
C. C. W. DOMVILE, Sheriff.
Sentry House, 18th Aug., 1860.

IRISH CHURCH MISSIONS TO ROMAN CATHOLICS.
Roman Catholics, Priests and People! come to the Debate in the Mountjoy-street Meeting, on Friday Evening, August 24, 1860, at Half-past Seven o'clock.
Subject—"The Ascension of our Lord, and the Alleged Assumption of B.V.M."
President—Rev. H. C. EADE.
How do we know the fact of the resurrection and ascension of our Lord?
Is it not on the testimony of eye-witnesses, and the direct statement of Scripture?
"Him God raised up the third day, and shewed Him openly; not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with Him after He rose from the dead."—Acts x. 40, 41.
"But God raised him from the dead; and He was seen many days of them which came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are His witnesses unto the people."—Acts xiii, 30, 31.
"And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight."—Acts i. 9.
Was any one an eye-witness of the resurrection of the Blessed Virgin?
Is there any Scripture for it?
Was any one an eye-witness of the Assumption or taking up into heaven of the body of the Blessed Virgin? Is there any Scripture for it?
Roman Catholics are earnestly and affectionately invited to attend.

THE LISMORE GRAND ANNUAL STEEPLE-CHASES.
To Come off on the 11th and 12th of SEPTEMBER, 1860.
FIRST DAY, TUESDAY THE 11TH SEPTEMBER, 1860.
STEWARDS.
The Right Hon the Earl of Thomas Fitzgerald, Esq, H B.
Huntingdon. George W Lloyd, Esq.
The Honourable C W Moore Richard Cliffe, Esq.
Smyth, Captain Hamilton.
The Honourable Walter C Talbot,
M P.
FIRST RACE.
The County Waterford Plate of 5 sovs each, with 100 sovs added half forfeit, three miles over a fine hunting country, second horse to save his stake; weight for age, 3 yrs, 9st 7lb; 4 yrs, 10st 7lb; 5 yrs, 11st; 6 yrs and aged, 11st 7lbs. The winner of a 100 sovs stakes added to carry 7lbs extra. All horses entering for this Race to be entered on or before the 3rd September, by letter with the Clerk of the Course, Devonshire Arms Hotel, Lismore. All stakes and entrance money to be paid at the time of entering, or the entry cannot be received; six horses, the property of different owners, to start or no money added. The winner to pay 10 sovs to the Race Fund; 5lbs allowed to mares and geldings.
SECOND RACE.
The Heltor Skelter Stakes of 3 sovs each with 30 sovs added, a handicap about two miles over same course, second horse to save his stake; weight for age, 3 yrs, 9st 7lb; 4 yrs, 10st 7lb; 5 yrs, 11st; 6 yrs and aged, 11st 7lbs; 5lbs allowed to mares and geldings. All horses entering for this race to be eligible for each or either of the previous races in the course, at the Devonshire Arms Hotel, Lismore, on or before Nine o'clock in the evening previous to the race. The winner to pay 5 sovs to the Race Fund; four horses, the property of different owners, to start or no money added. The winner to pay 2 sovs to the Race Fund.
THIRD RACE.
Stakes of 2 sovs each with 20 sovs added, heats about one and a half or more miles, second horse to save his stake, 1lbs each. The winner of a race or steeplechase value, 20 to carry 4lbs extra, £40, 7lb extra; horses that never won, allowed 4lbs. All horses entering for this race to be entered with the Clerk of the Course, at the Devonshire Arms Hotel, Lismore, on or before Nine o'clock the evening previous to the race, four horses, the property of different owners, to start or no money added. The winner to be sold by Public Auction immediately after the race, and the surplus, if any, to go to the race fund.
THIRD RACE.
Stakes of 2 sovs each, with 20 added, heats about one and a half or more course, second horse to save his stake, 1lbs each. The winner of a race or steeplechase value, 20 to carry 4lbs extra, £40, 7lb extra; horses that never won, allowed 4lbs. All horses entering for this race to be entered with the Clerk of the Course, at the Devonshire Arms Hotel, on or before nine o'clock the evening previous to the race, four horses the property of different owners to start or no money added. The winner to be sold by Public Auction immediately after the race, and the surplus, if any, to go to the race fund.
CONDITIONS.
Should any dispute, difference, or misunderstanding arise relative to the meaning or intention of the foregoing articles, it must be subject to the sole decision of a majority of the Stewards present at the meeting, and their decision shall be final in all cases, and no appeal can be no appeal to a court of law. No confederacy allowed, nor no money given for a walk over. All horses entering for those races to pay 5s in the pound entrance for the money added. The winner of each race to pay £1 to the judge, and all stakes and entrance money to be paid at the time of entering, or the entry cannot be received; five for each entry, 8s. The Stewards reserve to themselves the power of postponing the races. Colour of the riders to be sent with the notice of entry, under a penalty of 10s. Any jockey not complying with the orders of the starter to pay one sov, and not allowed to start until sent, or for disqualified from riding during the season. 10 minutes for the first race each day to be at the post sharp at one o'clock. All horses to be saddled in the weighyard.
A Grand Dinner each day at the Devonshire Arms Hotel, at which the Stewards will attend.
R. J. HUNTER, Esq., Judge
Mr. WILLIAM DOBBS, Clerk of the Course.

SPECIAL APPEAL ON BEHALF OF THE PROTESTANT ORPHAN HOUSE.
The object of this Society is to preserve the Protestantism of the destitute Orphans of Mixed Marriages. The offspring of those unhappy unions have, until within the last few years, been absorbed almost entirely to Romanism, from want of an asylum for these children among our Protestant institutions. This state of things, it is felt, should not be permitted to continue, and the object of this Appeal is to draw the increased attention of Protestants to the claims of this Society, which now maintains 168 of these poor orphans.
Last month's Committee investigated very distressing cases presented themselves for admission. Each of these children was the offspring of a mixed marriage, and there being no other Protestant Asylum in which they could obtain a shelter, the Committee were much pained to find that, regarding this matter in a financial point of view, they were not in a position to receive any of these orphans, there being already 156 under the care of the Society, while their funds were exhausted, and their liabilities at the close of the month would be nearly £4,000. The Committee felt that very great responsibility rested on them in the choice of either alternative presented. On the one hand, receiving these destitute children, they would incur additional liabilities to the extent of about £80 a year, and, on the other, in refusing admission, they would be casting off so many members from the Protestant faith into the arms of the Church of Church, which would be only too ready to embrace them. Many of the poor widowed mothers (all Protestants) had already endured much suffering in their struggle to preserve the Protestantism of their offspring, and had resisted many and tempting overtures from the Roman Catholic relatives of their deceased husbands; and the Committee felt that they would be betraying the trust reposed in them by the Protestant public if they did not at once stretch out a hand to rescue some at least of these poor little ones from the peculiar peril to which they were exposed, and trust to Protestant benevolence and zeal for an indemnity in this exercise of their discretion. Accordingly, after a careful consideration of the circumstances of each case, the Committee resolved to admit seven of the most urgent of the applications, and make an earnest appeal to the Protestant public to enable them not only to meet their increased liabilities, but to open their doors to every really destitute Protestant Orphan of a Mixed Marriage seeking a shelter in the society.
A gentleman in Staffordshire has written to say that he will give £5 towards enabling the Committee to receive the seven rejected orphans, if nineteen other individuals will give a like sum each before the 31st instant. To meet this generous offer several contributions have been received, as may be seen in the annexed list. It is hoped that other benevolent friends may be found to complete the required number.
Two other offers have been made for the benefit of the Society, and of which the Committee are most anxious to be enabled to avail themselves. "Trinity College, June 21st, 1860.
"GENTLEMEN,—With a view to aid in the collection now being made for the purpose of providing a training establishment for the Society's Apprentice Class, similar to that of the Protestant Orphan Society in Ferny-place, I am authorised by a benevolent friend, in whose notice I brought the matter, to offer the sum of £50 towards this very important object, provided five other parties will either give or collect a like sum of £50 each before the end of the next three months. I am, gentlemen, yours, faithfully,
"T. O'MAHONY, Cls.
"To the Honorary Secretaries of the Protestant Orphan Refuge."
The following is an extract from a communication received from a friend of the Society, who has been authorised to make the proposition:—
"A lady offers to give £100, provided within a year £500 more be raised to form a trust fund for the provision of any number of orphans exceeding 140 which the Society may maintain; none not to be applied unless the number shall continue to exceed 140.
The proposed plan for raising the required five sums of £50 each is, if five individuals cannot be found to undertake it, that a sufficient number of smaller collections be united to form the required amounts, and by a like process to realise the proposed "reserve fund" for which the £100 are offered. In this way the efforts of all parties disposed to help in this good work can be made available.
Special Collecting Cards for this purpose can be obtained at the Office of the Society, in Mr. Curry's, 9, Upper Sackville-street.
The smallest contributions will be thankfully acknowledged by the Committee. 21st July, 1860.
BENJAMIN GIBSON, Clk., } Honorary
J. H. MONAHAN, Clk., } Secs.

| Contributions already received:— | | | |
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| Lady Griffith, | .. .. | .. | £5 0 0 |
| Hans Hamilton Woods, Esq. | .. .. | .. | 5 0 0 |
| A Protestant | .. .. | .. | 5 0 0 |
| Henry Kirke White, Esq., | .. .. | .. | 5 0 0 |
| Miss Pilgieton, | .. .. | .. | 5 0 0 |
| Mrs. George Rotheram, | .. .. | .. | 5 0 0 |
| John La Touche, Esq., | .. .. | .. | 5 0 0 |
| Georg: Casey, Esq., | .. .. | .. | 5 0 0 |
| Rev. Edmund Forter, | .. .. | .. | 5 0 0 |
| The Baron De Robeck, | .. .. | .. | 5 0 0 |
| C. C., | .. .. | .. | 5 0 0 |
| A Gentleman, | .. .. | .. | 3 0 0 |
| Gener: Hall, | .. .. | .. | 2 0 0 |
| A Friend, per Rev. John Hare, | .. .. | .. | 2 0 0 |
| A Friend to the Orphan, | .. .. | .. | 2 0 0 |
| C. Gaussen, Esq., | .. .. | .. | 2 0 0 |
| Espine Batty, Esq., | .. .. | .. | 2 0 0 |
| A. B. | .. .. | .. | 2 0 0 |
| A Friend, per Mrs. West | .. .. | .. | 2 0 0 |
| H. C., | .. .. | .. | 2 0 0 |
| Rev. St. George French, | .. .. | .. | 1 0 0 |
| R. Denny Urlin, Esq., | .. .. | .. | 1 0 0 |
| Rev. H. H. Johnson, | .. .. | .. | 1 0 0 |
| Rev. Thomas Kelly, | .. .. | .. | 1 0 0 |
| Wm. Vincent, Esq., | .. .. | .. | 1 0 0 |
| Mrs. West, | .. .. | .. | 1 0 0 |
| Thomas Bowling, Esq., | .. .. | .. | 1 0 0 |
| Charles Weagan, Esq., | .. .. | .. | 1 0 0 |
| Mrs. R. Geoghegan | .. .. | .. | 1 0 0 |
| Miss Aylmer, | .. .. | .. | 1 0 0 |
| John C. Kack, Esq., | .. .. | .. | 1 0 0 |
| A Protestant, | .. .. | .. | 1 0 0 |
| Mrs. Cornelius, per D. Crofton, Esq., | .. .. | .. | 1 0 0 |
| Mrs. B——, | .. .. | .. | 1 0 0 |
| A Friend, J. L., | .. .. | .. | 1 0 0 |
| James W. Wright, Esq., | .. .. | .. | 1 0 0 |
| Mrs. J. K. Courtney, per Rev. T. Long, | .. .. | .. | 1 0 0 |
| Dr. M'Clintock, | .. .. | .. | 1 0 0 |
| Mrs. Major Greene, | .. .. | .. | 1 0 0 |
| An Opponent of Mixed Marriages, | .. .. | .. | 1 0 0 |
| Lady Carlton, | .. .. | .. | 0 10 0 |
| A Friend, | .. .. | .. | 0 10 0 |
| A few Friends at the Meeting, | .. .. | .. | 0 10 0 |
| Stamps (Belfast), | .. .. | .. | 0 10 0 |
| Rev. H. B. per Rev. A M Pollock, | .. .. | .. | 0 10 0 |
| Mrs H K Courtney, | .. .. | .. | 0 5 0 |
| Captain A P Graves, | .. .. | .. | 0 5 0 |
| Postage Stamps (Cork), | .. .. | .. | 0 3 0 |
| Anonymous, Bangor | .. .. | .. | 0 2 6 |
| AS., | .. .. | .. | 0 2 6 |
| a friend, | .. .. | .. | 0 1 0 |
| A H. | .. .. | .. | 0 1 0 |
| J. R. Cooke, Esq., | .. .. | .. | 10 0 0 |
| John Murphy, Esq., | .. .. | .. | 5 0 0 |
| James King, Esq., per Rev. James Hewitt, | .. .. | .. | 2 0 0 |
| William Shaw, per do., | .. .. | .. | 2 0 0 |
| William Dwyer Ferguson, Esq., | .. .. | .. | 1 0 0 |
| Charles Shields, Esq., per Rev. J. S. Ball, | .. .. | .. | 1 0 0 |
| William Sandys, Esq., | .. .. | .. | 1 0 0 |
| W. Jackson, Esq., per Rev. Mr. Archer, | .. .. | .. | 0 10 0 |

FOUND, on the Midland Great Western Railway, a small sum of Money. The owner can have it by describing particulars and paying expenses.

THE Ward-Room Officers of her Majesty's ship Ajax will not hold themselves accountable for any Debts contracted by anybody in the name of their Mess, unless authorised by one of the committee.
Her Majesty's ship Ajax,
Kingstown, 22nd Aug., 1860.

INTENDED NEW CHURCH AT CLONTARF.
Trustees—The Very Rev. Dennis Browne, Dean of Emly; Benjamin Lee Guinness, Esq, Rev John Alcock, John Barlow, Esq, Rev Wm Macostchy, Samuel Law, Esq, Rev William Fakenham Walsh. List of Subscribers—His Grace the Lord Primate, £50; his Grace the Archbishop of Dublin, £10; the Lord Bishop of Cashel, £50; the Lord Bishop of Cork, £2; Benjamin Lee Guinness, Esq, £500; the Venerable Solomon Gregg (from a fund at his disposal), £300; John F. Vernon, Esq., £100; the Earl Howth, £25; John Barlow, Esq., £50; Samuel Law, Esq, £25; Rev J. L. Moore, S.F., T.C.D, £10; George Combe, Esq, Q.C, £10; Nathaniel Hone, Esq., St Doloughs, £10; Miss Tisdall, Convent House, £10; Mrs and the Miss Barlows, £7; Miss Vernon, £5; Theophilus Jones, Esq, £5; Henry Roe, Esq, £5; William Meade Smythe, Esq, £5; Rev William Barlow, £5; William Fausett, Esq, M.D, £5; Miss J Tisdall, £5; Rev W S Gratton, £5; Rev Charles Dunne, Esq, £1; Otho Travers, Esq, £1; Miss Nicholson, Balrath, £1; Mrs Kennedy, £1; Mrs Denham, £1; Mr Denham, £1; Miss M Sutton, £1; Miss F Baker, £1; Sir Hort, F T C D, £5; Thomas Bresham, Esq, £20; Edward Wright, Esq, £1; Thomas Letbey, Esq, £3; Thomas Hasbe, Esq, £10; ter W F Blake, £1; John Jameson, Esq, £5; Charles Gamson, Esq, £1; Miss M Tisdall, £1; Henry De Burgh, Esq, 5s; — Rutherford, Esq, Belcamp, £1. List of Subscriptions for Residence for a Clergyman, intended to be erected in connexion with the New Church—The late Arthur Guinness, £200, being a sum given by him many years since to a similar benevolent project, which was never accomplished; and having been returned to his executors, they have granted it in aid of the fund for building a residence for the Chaplain. A conveyance of site has been granted by J E V Vernon, Esq, of Clontarf Castle; and it is intended to commence the erection of the Church when sufficient funds have been collected. The Trustees appeal to those who have the means to assist them in this work, remembering that the blessing of the Lord is promised to those who honor Him. Donations will be thankfully received by any of the Trustees, or by the Honorary Secretaries, Arthur E Guinness and Archibald Tisdall, Esqrs, Clontarf.

VAUTION.—MESSRS. W. D. and H. O. WILLS and SONS, Tobacco Manufacturers, Bristol, having seen gross imitations of their Stamp, inform the Public that the best Bird's Eye Tobacco is never sold in packets without having the name of "W. and H. O. Wills, Bristol," upon the packets.

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Surely this is a case which should elicit the sympathies and contributions of the Christian and humane.
Mr. A. Wilson, 17, Lower Baggot-street; Mr. T. H. Carroll, 17, Lower Baggot-street; Mr. Thomas Mullett, 1, Lower Baggot-street; as Mr. Thomas Waters, 14, Lower Baggot-street, have consented to receive, and acknowledge in the papers, all contributions to this charitable object, and will be thankful for the same, and the ultimate amount received to 6th of August, £149 19s 4d. Contributions since received:—
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# LATEST NEWS.

BY MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH.

TIMES OFFICE,
Halfpast Seven o'Clock.

## GARIBALDI'S LATE SUCCESS CONFIRMED.

MESSINA, August 20.—The landing of Garibaldi at Melazzo has been fully confirmed.

The Neapolitans fled at Milazzo without attempting to make a stand.

Garibaldi was slightly wounded in the leg.

The Neapolitans fled in confusion.

The Neapolitans fled at Milazzo without attack. Reggio is grounded. Garibaldi and Missori fired on the Neapolitans last night. Yesterday, after some firing, the garrison of the citadel was silenced.

A Neapolitan war steamer, purchased at Liverpool, has arrived here.

An English war steamer has returned to Messina, after having fired on the Neapolitans.

The Freni to float the Tonder.

The Neapolitan cruisers did not fire upon the Freni.

Trade dull.

A general battle is expected this evening.

## FRENCH AND GERMAN DIPLOMACY.

TURIN, August 22.—*The Espoir* correspondent writes—at Berlin, and the French Minister at Vienna, is making every effort to prevent the Powers from taking any hostile measures against Sardinia.

The Sardinian Government has been informed that Austria will not attack Reggio so long as the Neapolitans remain in the Calabrias.

The Neapolitans have abandoned Milazzo, and the fight of the King of Naples from that city is considered to be a "confederation" of the Powers

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# Foreign Intelligence.

## FRANCE.

From a correspondent's letter, dated Paris, August 21:—

The general expectation in Paris is that before long we may hear of the arrival of Napoleon and of Victor Emmanuel at Genoa, on their return from Turin. The Emperor of Austria has left Verona, and is expected to arrive at Milan on the 23rd inst. The authority of Victor Emmanuel has increased to a frightful extent. From Naples we learn that it is every day increasing. The correspondence of the Débats declares, people are running mad. It seems likely that there will be the fighting, and the reactionists are said to be inactive. Liberals who have been living on board ship, to be out of harm's way. Those Liberals who remain ashore are looking up Cavour's advice, and remembering of the Neapolitan army. They say that they wish it to come about gently; and without bloodshed. At Genoa the cooler heads are beginning to prevail. The greatest objection to any spirit of revenge being broken for the purpose. The two Sicilian Navies are to be shortened down on the old footing. Thirty millions of ducats (about £1,200,000) are to be devoted to the purchase of steamers, and the first notice to the Admiral Mundy, who lately received a modification of that extraordinary order, and that the King is not to be allowed to defend himself in Venice are down as fifty millions sterling) have been shipped in the military chest, which is to be removed from Gaeta to Malta, and thence to Trieste.

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From Turin it leaves that military preparations are to be pushed on with the greatest activity. It is clear that the Government feels that there is no time to be lost. There not being a single military school that have had a chance of distinguishing themselves with the National Army, Arthur, a small war office Sunday, gives vein both to Trieste.

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## SARDINIA.

Hovre and Carlisle's cabarets early in the course of the coming week.

## ITALY.

The terror is rife in Turin.—Times' Correspondent.

The Opera will open with success. Alfieri and Le Lorenzaccio, by Signor Giacometti, are to be produced.

Count Russell, from Naples, and Prince Gortschakoff, from Paris, are expected to arrive at Turin on the 23rd.

## ATHLONE GAOL.

At three o'clock, to-day, three persons, whose names could not be learned, were brought up to the Court-house, and adjoining Sabyngate-road, and underwent a short time out of sight. During this time the prisoners were examined by Dr. Wilmot, Dr. Dowell, and Dr. Cole. At half-past six o'clock, the electric wire, which was to be the signal for a grand display of fireworks will terminate the proceedings.

## ATHLONE RACE SHOW AT EAST-HILL.

The annual Autumn Flower Show of the Horticultural Society will take place at the East-hill, on Thursday next, the 30th inst. His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant is expected to be present.

## SUPERIOR INTERIOR PARTS.

Lord Burghley, M.P., C.B., sailed into Kingstown harbour yesterday

Eglinton—After dead heat, Dundee, 1st; Maggiore, 2nd; Parasite, 3rd.
Ebor St. Leger—Bivouac, 1st; Northern Light, 2nd; General Hess, 3rd. Four ran.
Ebor Handicap—Pax, 1st; Hopaticate, 2nd; First Lord, 3rd. Thirteen ran.
Prince of Wales Stakes—Folkstone, 1st; Longshot, 2nd. Four ran.

MIDLAND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF IRELAND COMPANY.—We are authorised to state that the directors have decided upon recommending to their proprietors, at the forthcoming half-yearly meeting, a dividend at the rate of five per cent. per annum free of income-tax, for the half-year ending 30th June last.

CORK AND YOUGHAL RAILWAY.—Yesterday, Sir Chusack P. Roney, chairman of the line, and Mr. Chambers, vice-chairman, visited the several works on it, which are progressing fast to completion, a large number of men being engaged on them along the entire way from Cork to Youghal, and also on the branch line to Queenstown. The line as it is known at present is open from Dunkathal to Youghal, but on the 15th of next month it will be open to Tivoli, within the borough boundary, and from that to King-street, the Cork Terminus; and also the branch to Queenstown it is intended to open simultaneously on the 1st of January next. The traffic on this line at present moment far exceeds the most sanguine estimates which have been hitherto made, and it is now something higher than was contemplated even for some years after the line was opened to its full extent. The line has opened a new traffic on the Blackwater up to Cappoquin, and the little steamer Daisy, which has merely been put on by Mr. Pike proprietary to the building of steamers suitable to the navigation, leaves Youghal and the county of Waterford each day with considerable numbers of passengers. In fact, the public are now looking for what cannot be given until the steamers are built—additional accommodation upon those waters. It is to be regretted that difficulties should have been thrown in the way of the improvement of the town of Youghal. It is understood that an offer was made by a capitalist for an acre of land in the neighbourhood, close by the Youghal Terminus of the railway, on which he proposed to expend a sum of from £600 to £700 in the erection of a hotel suitable for so attractive a watering-place, but the rent asked was so extravagant that this project, we are sorry to say, has been entirely abandoned. Had this hotel been got in course of erection, there can be little doubt that the neighbourhood around it would speedily become occupied with villas to a considerable extent.—*Cork Constitution.*

WHO SHOT MR. ELY?—A man, name unknown, but calling himself James Delany, a very celebrated character in the diary of policemen since the murder of a Mr. Ely, in the Queen's County, has fallen into the hands of the constabulary, on whose head a fine price is set. This Mr. Delany is reported to have appeared recently at Glenbeg, in the parish of Lismore, under suspicious circumstances, armed with pistols, after having stolen a great coat from Thomas Fitzgerald, of Bishopstown, from whom he had obtained a night's lodging on 23d July last. This candidate for the gallows is about 33 years of age, five feet nine and a-half inches high; and when taken into custody, was well dressed, wearing two rings, a watch and chain, and carried with him a bundle containing a change of clothes.—*Limerick Examiner.*

A SEA SERPENT.—On Tuesday last, as Samuel Townsend, Esq., J.P., of Whitehall, was sailing in Whitehall Harbour, he saw, following his wake, what appeared to him (from the many descriptions he ha d read of the monster) to be a sea serpent, about twenty-five or thirty feet in length, and being in a small boat he endeavoured to keep as respectful a distance as possible. There was, however, another boat in the harbour at the time, in which was Mr Samuel Hingston, his brother, Mr John Hingston, of Trinity College, Dublin, and a party of ladies. Those parties also saw the huge monster, and upon raising its neck about six feet above the surface, the females became greatly alarmed, when Mr John Hingston, who is a remarkable good shot, fired at it, upon which it immediately disappeared. Mr Townsend informed us the serpent presented a beautiful appearance, having large brilliant scales of a yellow hue, and is of opinion it was struck by the shot fired by Mr Hingston. It was likewise distinctly seen from the windows of Whitehall Barracks. Mr Robert Atkins told us he saw it the day before o ff Barlogue.—*Skibbereen Eagle.*

VISIT OF MESSRS. LEVER AND ROEBUCK TO THE CONNAUGHT.—The Connaught was yesterday visited by Mr. John Orrel Lever, M.P., and Mr. John Arthur Roebuck, M.P. About 2 o'clock, the honourable gentlemen, accompanied by Mrs. Lever, Mrs. and Miss Roebuck, and Rev. Peter Daly, left the pier in one of the company's boats. The band of the Connaught, placed in another boat, played "See the conquering hero comes," as the party entered their boat. On passing the Indian Empire her flags were run up. The visitors were received at the gangway of the Connaught by Captain Leitch. Mr. Roebuck was conducted through the principal parts of the vessel, and expressed himself much struck with the magnitude of her proportions and symmetry of her form. After remaining on board a short time the company returned to the town.—*Galway Vindicator.*

FATAL ACCIDENT.—On Tuesday evening an accident took place on the river, which resulted in the death of two men named Timothy M'Carthy and Michael Sullivan, and but for the courage and humanity of three gentlemen would have proved fatal to two other individuals. At about nine o'clock at night a market boat coming down from Cork with four men in her, was caught by a heavy wave, and took in so large a quantity of water that, being very heavily laden, it was capsized. Two of the crew, Michael Fitzgerald and Timothy Herlihy, succeeded in regaining hold of the boat, and their cries for help attracted the attention of some parties on the shore. The occurrence took place nearly opposite Monkstown pier, and the cries of the two men were fortunately heard at the residence of Mr. Wheeler, Queenstown, where a party, including Mr. Wheeler, jun., Scotland, Queenstown, where a party, including Capt. Tooker and Capt. O'Bryen, harbour-master (Queenstown), were dining. These gentlemen immediately joined in a swift pinnace, and in making an effort to save the lives of the unfortunate crew, and a boat belonging to Mrs. Fitzgerald being procured, they proceeded out in her on their mission of humanity. It was with no small difficulty, owing to the heavy rain and thick mist, that they succeeded in getting them on board they were all most deprived of animation. The other two men were nowhere to be seen, and in all probability were washed out to sea. The survivors were conveyed to Mr. Wheeler's, where restoratives were applied to them until their recovery. It is understood that one of the deceased has left a wife and family, and a subscription is on foot for their relief, to which the Harbour Commissioners yesterday subscribed £10. They also passed a vote highly commending the three gentlemen whose promptitude and humanity had rescued two fellow-creatures.—*Cork Constitution.*

MELANCHOLY DEATH BY DROWNING.—About nine o'clock, yesterday (Tuesday) evening, a market boat, on its way from Cork to Queenstown, laden with provisions of various kinds, and in which were four men, was struck by a heavy sea opposite Mr. Wheeler's docks at Monkstown—the wind blowing very freshly at the time—and filled. Mr. Wheeler and Captain O'Brien saw this in the former gentleman's parlour, and, hearing the cries of the poor men struggling with the waves, they got a boat and put out to their assistance. They succeeded in saving two of the men, but the two others had sunk before they could reach them. Their bodies had not been found up to a late hour on Wednesday evening. The owner of the boat, whose name was Carthy, was one of the men drowned. He leaves a widow, but no children. The other was a single man.—*Cork Examiner.*

WHITE GLOVES.—According to usage, our learned Recorder, Michael Morris, Esq., has been presented with a pair of white gloves by the Deputy Sheriff, Joseph M'Donnell, Esq., on the state of his court at the last sitting. There was not a single criminal case before the judge, which speaks much for the order and good conduct of Galway. The gloves, we must remark, are of a most exquisite finish. They were manufactured for the purpose in Dublin. They are beautifully embroidered in gold, and as a specimen of Irish manufacture reflect great credit on that branch of industry in this country.—*Galway Vindicator.*

SINGULAR DEATH OF AN AGED LADY.—An inquest was held on Monday, at the Montague Hotel, Kingstown, Brixton, on that body of Mrs. Elizabeth Dowding, a widow lady, who met with her death in a somewhat singular manner. The deceased lady was considerably above 70 years of age. Some weeks ago, it appeared that the servant was gone out, leaving the deceased at home. In the evening deceased had gone into the kitchen, when she saw a cockroach on the floor. She went to stamp on it with her heel, when she fell and broke the bones of her arm were fractured by coming in contact with the accident. The bones were fractured by coming in contact with the accident. The bones were fractured by the stamping, and not by the fall. Inside the door there was a pool of blood, and the deceased stated that she had crawled on her hands and knees from that spot to the window, opened it, and called for assistance. A surgeon attended her till Saturday last, and she died at four o'clock in the afternoon of that day. The immediate cause of her death was exhaustion and extreme prostration from the wound. The jury returned a verdict, "That deceased died of compound fracture of the arm, caused by stamping on a cockroach."—*Evening Mail.*

SHIBBEREEN MASONIC HALL DRAWING.—On the 16th instant, a number of the brethren of Lodge 15 assembled at their room, North-street, to witness the drawing for the Master Masons' Apron, Collar, and Jewel. There were but four hundred and sixty-eight tickets purchased, which we think a small number, when the suitable object for which the drawing was instituted—that of raising funds for building a Masonic hall here—is considered, also the low price at which the tickets were sold, being but five shillings each; the brethren, however, appeared truly grateful to those of the craft who aided them thus far in their project. During the preliminary arrangements the prize was viewed with much interest and admiration. The numbers of the respective tickets purchased being marked on gun-wads, were placed in a revolving box, with the word "Prize" written on one. Two disinterested boys were chosen and the drawing proceeded amidst great curiosity as to, who would be the fortunate winner. As the prize was not drawn till nearly 450 tickets had been extracted, much interest prevailed, when number 141 was declared the winner, which ticket was held by Brother Thomas Aldridge, Castletownsend, who was warmly congratulated on his success, and, we add with pleasure, a member or better Mason could not have got it, and from whom few more appreciate the broad principles so clearly upon which our Order is founded. We may mention that as the sum already realised is not sufficient, the subscription list will not be closed until the required sum is raised. The arrangements made by the secretary, Brother John S. Levis, for the drawing, gave great satisfaction.—*Limerick Chronicle,*

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GLENDALOUGH CHURCH EDUCATION SOCIETY.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

Wicklow, Thursday Evening.

A most numerous and influential meeting of the Glendalough Church Education Society was held yesterday, in the Grand Jury-room of the Court-house, Wicklow. The hour officially announced for the meeting to commence was twelve o'clock, but long anterior to the time appointed the spacious Grand Jury-room was crowded with nobility and gentry of the district, who evinced the liveliest interest in the proceedings of the society at the present eventful period of its history. There was a considerable number of ladies present, the patronesses of the society's schools in Wicklow and the adjoining counties, and also clergymen from all parts of Ireland. The meeting was regarded as one of the most important held by the society for many years past.

Amongst those present were:—

Thomas Lefroy, Esq., Q.C.; Henry H Jov, Esq., Q.C., LL.D.; Rev Henry Joy, Bromington, Whitchurch; T Johnson; Rev R E Barton, Esq, Glendalough, Annamoe; Hon and Rev E Talbot, Captain J W De Butts, C Frizell, Esq, J P, Castle Kevin; F Synge, Esq, D.L.; Captain Truell, Ballyhenry; William Magee, Esq, Abbeville; Rev William Magee, Rev L H Streane, Rev H G Carroll, Rev Henry Rooke, Rev James Pratt, Rev W H Brassington, Rev A D Macnamara, Rev St George French, Rev C Abbott, Rev C Mulloy, Rev J K Fletcher, Rev Henry Joy Tombe; Robert Joy, Esq; Rev W Butler Bryan, Mr Fausett, Ballygannon; Mr R Lawrenson.

Shortly after 12 o'clock the chair was taken by

Rev. WILLIAM MAGEE,

The proceedings having been opened with prayer by the Rev. H. Rooke,

The Secretary, the Rev. Henry J. Tombe, read the report of the society for the past year, which will appear in the IRISH TIMES of to-morrow.

The Rev. L. H. Streane, in moving the adoption of the report, said it was usual that the proposer should endeavour, as far as possible, to echo, as it were, the sentiments expressed in the report itself. Most of them had heard of a different kind of echo in the West of Ireland, which replied, when a peculiar question was put, for instance, how do you do? the answer would be, "Very well, I thank you." He considered the Church Education Society might echo a similar answer to the National Board. There was nothing in the position of their society to cause them to despond or be discouraged. Far from it, indeed. (Hear, hear.) It was gravely proposed, under certain circumstances, that they should give an adhesion to the National Board—so far, at least, as to place the schools of the Church Education Society in connection with it—because, forsooth, the Church Education Society was placed in great straits and difficulties to separately maintain its schools. He did not feel that in the diocese of Glendalough they were placed in such a position, for by their report it would be seen the society had not lost a single school during the past year. Neither had there been a discontinent voice on the question at their committee meetings, but the greatest unanimity prevailed. In the sixteen extensive parishes of the diocese, ranging along the eastern coast, a sum of £614 had been collected, which was expended on the schools. They had still 700 children in their schools; and, what school in the diocese of Glendalough connected with the National Board of which a clergyman was a patron. There were not twenty Protestant children in the diocese attending the schools of the National Board, and he hoped the number would continue to diminish. One of the reasons gravely put forward why they should unite themselves with the National Board was, that they had no hope whatever of a Parliamentary grant. 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It was stated other religious bodies had also given their adhesion to the National Board; that every section of Protestant denominations were against them, and that the Romanists were against them; and this was brought forward as an argument against the Church Education Society, which was standing alone in the struggle. History recorded that Luther was also told that the power of Rome and public opinion were against him, and he replied, "Be it so: if they are upon one side, I am upon the other." They should imitate the heroic example of Luther, and stand out boldly to maintain the great principle of Scriptural education. (Hear, hear.) If all were against them on the side of wrong, they would be against all on the side of right. It was stated, as an argument to induce them to join the National Board, that they had an enormous revenue, while that of the Church Education Society was but limited. That was the only argument that could be adduced in favour of the National System: it had money and nothing else. If all the money were on one side, it was asked how could they compete with the National Board, who could afford to build splendid schoolhouses and pay their teachers? But the simple answer of the Church Education Society was, that they had maintained their schools for years without public money, and they were not afraid to stand the test of comparison with the schools of the National Board. The rev. speaker here read an extract from a report of one of the inspectors under the National Board, who had visited sixteen schools in the West of Ireland, and reported that the proficiency in each was far below the average; and in some instances he described them as the impersonation of disorder, although conducted under the auspices of the National Board. (Laughter.) Another question brought before them was, that schools could be placed under the care of the National Board, without an infringement of the principle for which the society was contending, but that was too long a question to go into. The Right Hon. Joseph Napier, in a pamphlet entitled "The Education Question, with Thoughts on the present Crisis," says, "The restrictions in the schools of the Church Education Society which would disturb a foolish any use of God's Word which would disturb a foolish any use of God's Word which would disturb a foolish any distinctive tenet of a Roman Catholic pupil, however vital the error of it—this is not said to be sinful. Now, what can be of higher importance in the view of a member of our church than the great centre of Protestant truths, the essence of Reformed faith?" He goes on to say, "yet these are excluded in the presence of a Roman Catholic child by our own voluntary regulations. A teacher cannot declare to him the whole counsel of God; nor one such error, however anti-Scriptural, which the teacher may know to be lurking in the mind of the Roman Catholic child, can the teacher correct in the Church Education Schools." That was put forward by the Right Honourable Joseph Napier to justify him in the position which he has taken in relation to the National Board. He was happy to say that one of the Secretaries of the Church Education Society had given a distinct and most satisfactory reply to that statement. The Rev. Alexander Leeper, in a letter on the subject, said he always understood the rules of the society to give to the patron of every school full liberty so instruct the children in the meaning of the particular portion of the Scriptures which they might be reading, as well as to explain the formularies of the church to the children of the church. The committee rather desired it to be distinctly understood that they were very far from wishing to interfere with the clergyman, but left him as uncontrolled in the school-room as in the pulpit. Still further, the committee desired to call on the ex-Chancellor to produce the prohibitive regulation which he affirmed to be in force in the Schools of the Church Education Society. The assertion of the society was, that they had no such rule, nor ever had. Such was the ground on which the Right Hon. Joseph Napier attempted to justify his present position, by a statement which never had any existence except in his own mind. The rev. gentleman here referred to another pamphlet entitled "An Address on National Education," which was calculated to mislead the public mind. Its author, a clergyman, stated that he had five schools in his parish, three under the National Board, and two under the Church Education Society. A short time was allowed for religious instruction in the three schools under the National Board; and the writer endeavoured to show that there was no difference in the instruction imparted in any of the five schools, although he dare not introduce the Scriptures at any hour of the day in the National Schools, as that would be infringing on the rule of the board. The essential difference between them and the National Board was, that they would not teach as a fundamental truth that religious and secular teaching were inseparable, while the National Board say they must be separated. When their gracious Sovereign visited Ireland in 1853, outside the Great Exhibition, he saw a guard of honour salute her, by lowering their banners to the ground. Immediately the verse occurred to his mind:—

"In the name of the Lord we have set up our banners."

Soon was in God's name, and for the honour of God's glory, they took up their position and maintained the Church Education Society, and, having reared the banner of God's word aloft, they would hold it aloft. God had given them the banner of truth to uphold, which they would do until their monarch returned to the earth—until the King of Kings and Lord of Lords came—and then they would lay His own glorious word at His feet, and thank Him for the banner which He had given them to hold aloft in the conflict of life. (Applause.) After some further observations, the rev. gentleman concluded by moving the adoption of the report.

Mr. Joy, Q.C., LL.D., in seconding the motion, said—I am very glad that the accidental circumstance of being the neighbourhood has given me the opportunity of coming forward to express my humble sympathy with the Diocesan Association whose report we have now heard read. In considering the position of the Church Education Society in Ireland, I confess I am sometimes tempted to adopt a definition of human nature which would rather reject it if they could. Some philosophers, distinguishing man from the inferior animals, have defined him as, *par excellence*, a rational animal, and some have dissented from that. Others have defined him, by way of distinction, a laughing animal; and some an ungracious animal, and some an ungrateful animal. It occurs to me, when I consider the position of the Church Education Society in Ireland, and the adverse circumstances with which it has to contend, that if we are not grateful to God for its success under His blessing, we are most ungrateful to Him. (Hear, hear.) There is a ding-dong cantata sung in our ears, day after day, from pamphlet after pamphlet, that every Government in succession has been against the Church Education Society; that the Roman Catholic hierarchy are banded to a man against it, and the Roman Catholic laity. Nay, more, the Lord Bishop of Cork, in a charge lately delivered to his clergy, has warned us that even as regards our Protestant laity, we cannot depend upon their support; for his lordship has reminded us that some time ago, when a special appeal was made for some purposes connected with the Church Education Society, all the temporal peers of Ireland put together contributed only a sum of £75. It is greatly to be regretted if our laity hold back in the contributions which they are plainly bound in duty to bring forward freely to support the Church Education Society. But we are not to be daunted by these adverse circumstances. We are not to look only at one side of the question, and sink into despondency if the society have been opposed in the manner to which I have alluded, and it has the power of Government and the Roman Catholic hierarchy against it. Let us reconcile it with this that according to the last report of the society, which I now hold in my hand, there were, on the 21st December, 1859, on the roll of the society's school, 78,437 children on the roll of those schools. There were in connection with the society's schools, and there were 11,963 Roman Catholic children on the roll of those schools. (Hear, hear.) 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## Foreign Intelligence.

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From a correspondent's letter, dated Paris, August 21st, we learn:—

The general expectation in Paris is that before long we may hear of the bombardment of Naples and of the breaking out, either of a war between Austria and Piedmont, or of a Mazzinian insurrection against the authority of Victor Emmanuel in Central Italy. From Naples the letters come down to the 13th inst. The panic there had increased to a frightful extent. The correspondent of the *Debats* observes:—"If you want to know what is going on here, people are running away." The truth of this I have ample confirmation of. It seems likely that there will be some fighting, and the reactionists and those among the Liberals who know that shot and shell are indiscriminating, are all removing on board ship, to be out of harm's way. Those Liberals who remain eagerly take up Cavour's advice, and recommend perfect abstention. They are anxious for the overthrow of the Neapolitan dynasty, but they wish it to come about gently, pacifically, and without bloodshed. As one of the letters before me idiomatically puts it, they wish the omelet to be made, but have the greatest objection to any eggs to be broken. The two fortresses which command the town, Saint Elmo and the Castel Nuovo, have, within the last few days, received an immense quantity of shells, to be showered down on the city at the first notice. The *Debats'* correspondent says that Admiral Mundy, who had received instructions to prevent the bombardment, lately received a modification of that extraordinary order, and that the King is now to be allowed to defend himself in his own way should Garibaldi attack him. The same writer sets down as a transparent absurdity a report that the King would not show fight, but embark as soon as matters came to a crisis, and confide the care of his crown to "his people and his army." The preparations making in the capital show which way the cat will jump. But, though determined to fight, the youthful Bombalino has, it seems, made provisions for the not improbable event of his being defeated. Thirty millions of ducats (about five millions sterling) have been shipped on board the steamer Partenope, and the Duke of Calvi, a natural son of Arthur, a small war schooner, anchored in the military port, which was to sail last Sunday, gives wide berth to Sicily, so as to avoid Garibaldi's cruisers, and proceed to Trieste.

The *Debats'* correspondent at Naples states that the British Envoy had received the following curious and significant telegram:—"Leghorn.—Mazzini is here—great ovation."

From Turin I learn that military preparations are being hurried on in a manner which is conclusive as to one point—that the Government think a crisis at hand. They are not being a sufficient number of officers for the army, the pupils of the military school that have had six months' training have received commissions. A six months' training have received Victor Emmanuel's "friendly power" is said to have warned Victor Emmanuel to be prepared for the worst—*i.e.*, war with Austria. Whether the "friendly" power may be Austria, or whether the "friendly" power may be England, I could not learn; but I think, just now in a position to recommence hostilities, intervention in Italy is to be postponed for the moment, unless the English Government is to be wheedled into co-operation. What was implicitly believed tied to the coat tails of the French Emperor, fighting in Syria to pull down her ancient ally the Turk, and f

## FRANCO-HIBERNIANA.

There is no character so odious as a disturber of the public peace. Mischief-makers anywhere are the most repulsive of human kind. But the man whose whole life has been spent in every species of ignoble and cowardly endeavour to excite disaffection and rebellion in a well-governed and tranquil community is an outlaw to civilised society, and deserves imprisonment or banishment to some penal colony where his evil suggestions and machinations can do no harm, and ought to only make his punishment heavier. Smith O'Brien is an example of much mercy abused. A proven coward and traitor, he was exculpated by a jury of his peers, and condemned to that which the kingdom as a felon, and condemned to that worst of criminals. He merited death at the hands of the law. His transportation was an indulgent mercy. The influence and leniency which saved him from the rope of the executioner in time released him from his penal banishment. He was restored to his family and his home, to his friends and his country. There was a compact, if no honour implied, if not expressed, in this new favour. He accepted the mercy, and thus pledged himself to deserve it. But how has this pardoned traitor demeaned himself since his return to Ireland? No public opportunity has passed which he has not eagerly seized to sow new seeds of disloyalty and mischief. In seasons of the profoundest tranquillity he has striven to disturb the peace of his country. Favoured by England, he hates her. Pardoned by the Queen, he tries to arouse a spirit of rebellion amongst her subjects. Contemned by the Government, he endeavours to excite its notice by repeated acts of mean opposition. Smith O'Brien is now, as he ever has been, a traitor to the Throne and enemy to his country. England could put her heel on the worm and crush it, but around it is the fruit of a nation which cannot be thrown aside or destroyed without loss and ruin. For this reason the wicked deeds and designs of the persistent rebel are ignored or disregarded. The poitroon of the potato field is, moreover, too much of the coward still to do his treason without a cover. He speaks, and you know he means hatred to England; but his language is guarded spleen; he acts, and no one of his deeds is assailable by law, though tainted throughout with rebellion. Of this wretched character is his recent letter to the author of the fustian called "La Question Irlandaise." That pamphlet bears the stamp of French forwardness and superficiality. There is the usual *quantum* of presumption and ignorance. The real condition of Ireland is wholly misunderstood. The true sentiments of her people are equally unknown. The penal disabilities under which our Roman Catholic brethren of the sister island so long laboured are entirely removed. Members of this persuasion fill not only some of the high offices of the state, but preponderate on the jufficial bench and in other important Government appointments. The country is rapidly prospering, and is prospering in proportion becoming tranquil and happy. The party and religious feuds which still exist only show that the spirit of thrivance and peace has not destroyed earnestness and faith. For these cannot exist in a country of divided opinions without occasional outbreaks and contradictions. In the midst of these scenes of success such men as Smith O'Brien, and such publications as the *Nation* newspaper, by their continual restlessness and misrepresentations, embolden the free lances of the French press to cast a longing eye on Ireland, and to describe it as ready to receive them with open arms, and join in the national plunder. It is enough to know that M. Marie Martin, the writer of the "Irish Question," bespatters O.Brien with praise, and that this flattery is eagerly swallowed by the pardoned convict, to judge of the kind of information and opinion to be gleaned from this precious document. Ignorance and misstatement could scarcely go further. As a matter of course, this is the kind of publication which Smith O'Brien admires. Accordingly we find him inditing a fulsome letter to the stupid writer, lauding him for the very qualities which are least perceptible in his wretched *brochure*. The Irishman, indeed, is cunning enough to own that the invasion of his country by France would be disastrous to both. But he nevertheless encourages the spirit of disaffection in the one, and the spirit of aggression and spoliation in the other. His letter can bear no other meaning. What does Ireland want with the friendship and sympathy of France unless as an integral part of the United Kingdom? The author of the "Irish Question" does not care to conceal the new French idea in regard to Ireland. To agree with men of this stamp is to be traitors to England in heart if not in expression. To encourage their misapprehensions, their ignorance, or design, is to foment rebellion, and to invite aggression.

We have had a little too much of this of late in many quarters. Lord Fermoy coolly told the House of Commons some short time since that if Ireland were left to the vote, she would declare for a separation from England. Mr. Maguire repeated the same folly not many evenings since. How is this to be construed but into excitement to rebellion? There is no intention to ask the sister island to exercise universal suffrage on the question of the union or her connection with the British Crown. Then why mention it? What can it import but to give an impudent echo to the worst of France?—notions which are an insult to the common sense and common freedom of Irishmen. What can be more degrading to that country than by implication to indicate her wish to be united to the French tyranny? To lose their free speech, their free press, their free votes, their free Parliament, their free justice courts, their free Government, their free religion, for an absolutism which broods over all things and suppresses the very name of liberty. Surely there is not an Irishman so besotted as to desire submission to absolutism. Men may be misled by passion, and blinded by party feuds and animosities, but they are not so entirely mad as to rush into a despotism which would totally annihilate the very power they possess to utter their lamentary or even wrongs and grievances. Even Smith O'Brien is too shrewd to place himself under the *loi des suspects*, and the *Nation* does not court an *avertissement*. No, the game is one of pure mischief and paltry malice. But it remains for Irishmen themselves to vindicate the national character. A successful rebellion can never take place in that country. A successful invasion, while England has a man left, and Ireland can, is impossible. That, by a civil convulsion. Things that could not be were they even desirable are not moved by sensible men; but when they are impracticable and unpalatable both, surely it is the acme of folly to dwell upon them. Irishmen are as well off now as, doubtless, they ever will be. We speak, of course, as to their general present condition. The mischievous grumblers who are smarting under their own misgovernment ought to have no voice in a community so prosperous. They should be left to the ignominy of their [truckling spirit and their ingratitude. The inconsiderate members of Parliament who, to excite attention, utter disloyalty and nonsense in one breath; the French ignoramuses who, to back the new French idea, attempt to describe the condition of Ireland as one of misery, and that imperial notion itself which delights in exciting rebellions and creating new nationalities;—these should all be proscribed and condemned by the common sense and common interest of the entire body of Irishmen. The hallucination is, indeed, most idle; but, mad in an individual, it becomes disgraceful and disloyal in a nation. It is due to Ireland to answer the "Irish Question" by its contempt, and Smith O'Brien by the punishment of utter neglect.—*Morning Herald.*

## EDUCATIONAL ISSUE RAISED BY RECENT COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS.

Some very interesting facts appear in the results published to-day of the Indian Civil Service Examination, and the Oxford Local Examination of this year.

For the Indian service eighty gentlemen have been selected, after the usual competition open to all natural-born subjects of the Queen. The whole number of candidates is not stated. Last year there were forty places and one hundred and nineteen candidates; and we may suppose double the number of candidates this year for the eighty places thrown up. It may excite surprise that, considering how perfectly free all of the required age and health are to enter in, there should be so few of the young legally studious anxious to secure first-rate openings in India. But, in truth, the full difficulties of the examination are well known in all our colleges and schools. Presuming on the proportion of last year, there were probably about 240 candidates, and these we may rest assured were the crack men of their respective colleges—men who had energy and health enough to face the stern preparation for the ordeal. We may be quite certain that the eighty selected men are in all respects some of the very best men in our Universities—men of rare mental energy and aptitude for various departments of knowledge. It was thought that by opening the Indian Civil Service to all in a free competition, general education would be much stimulated; the result has rather disappointed that expectation. Splendid prizes, indeed very high, to be attained by extraordinary exertion, serve as fine rewards, no doubt, for the first-class men of our Universities, but they serve as little stimulus to the many students outside the ambitious two or three hundred who deliberately strive to obtain them. The eighty young men of remarkable talent, who are now destined for the Civil Service of *India*, would in any case have pursued their studies with intense zeal, and would doubtless have put forth in any thing to which they might have devoted themselves. But it is certainly a good thing to secure their abilities for State work (provided they are not too proud to work well in harness), and it is still more gratifying to know that this open competition gives a splendid career to young men who, without the chance, would have been unable to enter into the army or the liberal professions, simply through want of means.

The places of education of the various candidates show some curious results. In English literature and composition a candidate from Melbourne was first! The advent of the long-expected "New Zealander" may now indeed be close at hand when a town—not better than a village of huts twelve years ago—sends a young gentleman of nineteen to beat all the best students of our old Universities. The literature of our own country, and in the composition of our own language. The young colonist—Mr. Charles Cevil Stevens—may well be proud of such a success. We notice also that he was third of the whole eighty victors—an Oxford man heading the list, and an Aberdeen student coming in second. In proportion to former achievements the Irish combatants have not carried off a very startling number of the prizes, but have been successful enough to throw additional lustre on the admirable zeal with which some of the leading men in Dublin University directed and stimulate the studies of the "Indian class." Of the whole eighty successful, twenty came from Irish colleges. Six of these were educated at the Queen's University—a most gratifying fact when we bear in mind the comparative youth and limited extent of that institution, and the difficulties which it has had to encounter from the Ultramontane faction in Ireland. Of the first eight places five were obtained by Irishmen. The first, second, and third in mathematics were obtained by Irishmen—a result that might not have been expected—but times are altered since there was some truth in the joke ("if not true, well invented") that a young Irish competitor for a civil situation summed up his qualifications in claiming "a fine power of denunciation, combined with the wildest humour." The Oxford men took high place in classics as might be expected; and the greatest number of honors obtained by one institution were won for Cambridge.

The statistics of the Oxford Local Examinations, published also to-day, show some facts not very satisfactory as regards the progress of general elementary education. The number and proportion of successful candidates (498 out of 875) is greater this year than last year, when it was only 413 out of 896. But the causes of the failures this year are sadly indicative of the bad training in ordinary English education given in some of our best schools. Out of 292 senior candidates (boys from fifteen to eighteen) 118 failed to satisfy the examiners in the preliminary examination—mainly, reading, writing, and arithmetic. (Last year only eighty-nine seniors failed out of two hundred and ninety-nine entirely examined.)

"Nor is this the worst. If we examine the causes of failure in detail, we find reason to believe that the examination of 1860 has shown a decided and general deterioration in the quality of the elementary work, on the part not only of the seniors, but of the juniors. Of the 89 senior candidates who failed in the preliminary examination of 1859 only six were rejected as below the mark in more than two points of the preliminary work. In 1860 the number deficient in more than two points was 39. Thirty-three seniors failed in arithmetic in 1859; 26 in spelling; 12 in geography; while in 1860 the failures were in geography 32; in spelling 46; and in arithmetic no fewer than 79! The deterioration is nearly as great in the case of the juniors. In 1859 39 junior candidates only were rejected for failing in more than two points; in 1860 the number so rejected was 82. The failures in spelling have risen from 39 to 51, and the failures in arithmetic from 15 to 85! Further, it is to be noted that a considerable number of those whose more advanced work would have entitled them to honourable distinction, and even some whose place would have been among the very highest, failed in the elementary part of the examination. Thirty candidates—17 seniors and 13 juniors—are in this unenviable predicament; and among the 17 seniors are seven who would otherwise have obtained double, triple, or even quadruple honors. Arithmetic and spelling, either separately or in combination, proved fatal to all but one of these; and, indeed, 18 out of the 30 who lost their honors on account of a deficiency in their preliminary work, owe their failure to ignorance of these elementary branches of knowledge."

We are very glad that there is this authoritative exposure of the deficiencies of most of our schools in giving a good English education, but something more might be done towards making this exposure more certain and periodical, and giving to schoolmasters and students, successful in remedying these things, a more definite certificate of their success. The Examinations for the home Civil Service are in the main competitions based on various acquirements; and the boy most successful in reading, writing and arithmetic, may be defeated through want of knowledge of history or geography, and receives no reward, not even a certificate for his success in acquiring elementary knowledge. As to the Oxford Local Examinations, the *Times* says, with great truth, "The excitement which at first existed has probably died away," and we are inclined to think will die away, unless some such plan as we have seen indicated is carried out of indirectly connecting the rewards of the Civil Service with such local examinations.

When we contrast the brilliant results of the Indian examination—eighty victors out of the last two or three hundred competitors—and the 118 young men out of 292 picked candidates from our best English schools showing gross ignorance of common elementary education—we have illustrations how far our efforts for the last few years to "stimulate education" have, through bad management, remarkably failed. A captious critic may ask how many of "the eighty" might have failed in "reading, writing, and arithmetic." They are not put through that preliminary ordeal, but it is quite possible that the gentleman illustrious in mathematics might have broken down in spelling, or the young Australian Macaulay have failed in decimal fractions!—*Globe.*

## BRITISH MILITARY ORGANISATION.

The bad quality of the report on Military organisation is made the more clear and striking by the existence of a good model in the report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Sanitary Condition of the Army. That report was an excellent guide, for the good reason that it met the same kind of dissatisfaction about one department of the War-office which the present report was intended to meet in regard to the whole administration of that office. For a long time after the close of the instructive story of the Crimean mortality and recovery, it was expected that due provision would be made for good management in future. When, at the end of three years, there was no appearance of anything being done, a demand arose for an inquiry into the causes of the bad health of the army generally, and of the mortality during the war in particular. Even before the evidence was obtained by the commission, it was publicly known that there was no clear and unquestioned distribution of authority among the officials, military and medical; that there were incessant disputes about whose business it was to do many essential things which were left undone; that there was no comfort for the sick and wounded in camp or hospital till the department was assisted by civilian aid; that there was enormous waste co-existing with dreadful destitution; and that, when all was over, every department threw the blame upon every other. We all saw and heard this, just as we have been seeing and hearing a great deal about the mismanagement of the War-office generally. The commission in that case, and the committee in this, were expected to ascertain the facts, to give an opinion as to the causes of the evil, and to recommend a remedy. The Sanitary Commission discharged the duty well; the Military Organisation Committee has evaded all the essential part of it.

The Sanitary Report showed us how all useful action was perpetually retarded by uncertainty of jurisdiction and other causes of delay, so that the men were first in a state of hardship, then sick, and then dead, before any thing effectual could be done for them; and next, how prodigious was the waste caused by the delay first, and the desperate efforts to redress its mischiefs afterwards; and again, how different officials had different plans and notions, which were incessantly discussed, and always in conflict, neutralising each other, while every man seemed to be employed in everything but his proper business, and all consistent co-operation was out of the question. An exposition of this state of affairs was followed by the recommendation of a plan of genuine organization, by which a clear distribution should be made of the military and medical authority; by which, again, the two authorities would be brought into consultation and co-operation; by which each functionary should know what his own rights and duties were, and should be enabled to perform those duties; and by which, again, the various divisions of the Medical Department—as the Sanitary, the Medical, and the Statistical—should be united at the Council Board, and distributed in action, with the requisite freedom from interference. There were valuable recommendations as to medical education, as we know by the provision since made for a special training of army surgeons; and as to the position of the Medical Faculty in the army, as is shown by the warrant issued in 1858, and so gratefully hailed by every physician and surgeon in the force. But there was something even better than this in the suggestions offered as to the mode in which the department might be organized, so that every man, in every rank and order of the service, might know his own duty, and understand to whom he was responsible; and by which no man should be liable to fail in his work by the default of some one else, who, in his turn, would be rendered helpless by the failure of a third. As an example, this method and quality of reporting seems to be entirely thrown away on the Special Committee which has sat "at broken intervals," and at last delivered a report made up of mere fragments of study, and details of third-rate importance.

Did not the committee know that the nation is dissatisfied with the War-office because it is, among other defects, intolerably slow? Does not a nightmare feeling come over everybody who has business with the office, or has occasion for hopes or fears in regard to its action? When military precautions have to be taken, who expects the War-office to be prompt? Who expects improvements in arms and implements to be attended to, demands to be answered, claims to be settled, promised honours to be bestowed, till pressure from without compels decision of action? The accounts of the former China war are not made out yet, we learn from the report; and we see hours wasted every session in inquiries by members, and excuses from the War Secretary, about affairs which any man of business in the city, would be ashamed to leave unsettled in their proper time and place. How happens this slowness? and what is the cure for it? There is not even a reference to it in the report.

Again, there is universal dissatisfaction with the inefficiency of our military administration. The functionaries of the office, the members of both Houses, and among them the committee, must be weary of hearing complaints and questions. If, at any particular moment, by a conjunction of an energetic military head with a zealous War Minister, there is something done, and well done, in various directions, it is not only an accident, but a somewhat perilous one to the State; for the benefit is rendered by a bold assumption of responsibility, and the introduction of an arbitrary element between having a halting and self-excusing military administration or a more or less arbitrary one, depending for its efficiency on the ability and judgment of one or two public men. It should have been a chief object with the committee to inquire why so much power is lost by the way down from the heads of the department, and how an organisation can be provided which will at once require able men for the work of administration, and use their ability to the best advantage.

Again, there is the costliness, which is, perhaps, the commonest complaint of all. We need not stop to show what our military system costs. Nobody denies that the expense is very much greater than there is any excuse for its being. Yet we find no light in the report as to the way in which it comes about that we have thrown away the value of tens of thousands of our trained soldiers, and that we are always throwing away the value of equipments, stores and *materiel* of every kind as well as the time and patience of the officials, the paper and ink of the office, and the faculty of the responsible Minister. There is no reference to any way by which the expense of our army and its administration may be reduced to what in private affairs would be called its natural cost. The official vice of a radically defective arrangement for the transaction of business among the several branches of our military department may be less clearly understood by the public than the slowness, the inefficiency, and the cost, but that there must be some such mischief is doubted by nobody; and from time to time we have some evidence that the Secretary of State cannot fulfil his own intentions, cannot get his reforms adopted, cannot justify himself to Parliament, and cannot tell the reason why. The truth is, much in the office can negative the intentions of the Minister, and any one branch can negative the course of every other.

While such evils exist, and are ordered to be inquired into, the Committee wades them every one! And there are of Parliament, as well as of the Cabinet, who speak of a report as valuable which is not a mere matter of opinion, on which men may differ without doing harm; it is a question of fact. If we consider the terms of the task set, we shall see that the effective as of the report is the only test of its value; and no one will undertake to say that the report offers any means of instituting a good method of military administration. It is so far from improving our prospects in this respect that the impression is strong on many minds that efficiency is not desired where it should be most earnestly pleaded for, and that it will not be obtained except by pressure from without.

One constant excuse in such cases is, that it is one thing to complain and another to remedy. The demand of unprogressive and unreforming persons is, what we would have them do—how they are to help the evils we complain of? In this case, the demand may not be very unreasonable, seeing that it was precisely the business of the committee to provide an answer for such questions; but the public can hardly feel so deep a dissatisfaction with the War-office as it does now, without more or less idea of the proper remedies. Some of these we may suggest another day.—*Daily News.*

## THE DRUSES AND THE MARONITES.

A very interesting and useful communication, throwing much light on recent affairs in Syria, appears in the *Revue des Deux Mondes*, from the pen of a French Protestant missionary in the East. (It is dated Damascus, July 2.) He attributes all the blame to the apathy of the Turkish Government. Druses and Maronites alike are pensants, whom the least intervention even of a feeble Government would suffice to keep in order. If the Turkish Pasha of Damascus and Beyrout had prevented both parties from purchasing arms and powder in those cities, if they had kept a couple of thousand effective troops in readiness to send into the mountain at the first signal of alarm, these simple measures would have sufficed to prevent serious collisions. Some abuse and some blows might have been exchanged, but, barring those, peace would not have been disturbed. Such is the opinion of the missionary, who even goes so far as to accuse the Turkish Government of having long had agents actively employed in exciting Druse against Christian and Christian against Druse, prosmising assistance to the weak and impunity to the strong.

Distinct charges of deliberate connivance and underhand dealing to the disorder are made against the Turkish Governament by the writer. He gives a narrative of the events already known. He relates an anecdote of the escape of the chief of the Protestant community at Habeya:—

"He was made his way into a small back room crowded with Christians and Emirs. When the Druses came into the house they stripped off his clothes, smeared him with blood, and lay down upon the ground feigning death. The Druses were deceived; three or four other Christians whom they killed fell upon him, and the better concealed by him. When night came he got up, put on a bloody shirt and a pair of loose Arab trousers which had been left on one of the slain, made a hole in the wall, and escaped into the garden."

The writer, who of course judges things from a French point of view, has the following curious passage, showing how from abroad is translation in the East:—

"A massacre which had driven so many unfortunates to Damascus, the Christian population of this city felt more and more menaced. The tragedies of Marach, Aleppo, and Jeddah were in every man's memory. It is notorious to what extremities an fanaticism is capable of proceeding on the least excitement. At the time of the revolt of the Sepoys there was wanting for a general massacre of all Christians in India to take place in Syria. Reports which were then spread will give some idea of the curious manner in which the Turkish population appreciates its relations with Europe. It was said that the Indian Mussulmans, with a celerity worthy of the Arioste knights, had suddenly passed the British frontiers, backed London, and driven away the Queen and her officers, who, in the wrecks of their army, had taken refuge in Constantinople, whence Russia solicited their extradition. The Sultan hesitated to yield to the wishes of Russia, on account of the alacrity with which Queen Victoria had sent an army and a fleet to the assistance of her Suzerain at the time of the Crimean war—a service which the Commander of the Faithful had failed to recognise by exempting England, France, and Sardinia for three years from the annual tribute which is the great mark of hereditary vassals. This conduct on the part of Abdul Medjid was the subject of general blame. The most zealous declared that the moment was come to exterminate all the infidels, as had been done in India. Such an event was daily expected, and must have been brought about by the slightest incident. Meanwhile the Christians were in the greatest consternation. The impunity of the guilty increased the excitement to such a point that it was all up with Christians of Damascus if the news of the bombardment of Jeddah by the English had arrived one day later. That news produced a marvellous effect. The Mussulmans declare that England was all-powerful—that they was but England in the world—that they themselves, the Anglicans and their dependants assumed, besides, the external appearance of the most fraternal affection towards all the Christians, and of the most odious politeness towards all Europeans and their servants. Unfortunately, England has not known how to preserve in Syria the ascendancy which the tardy and incomplete chastisement of Jeddah sufficed to win for her. Instead of making it her task in the East, she seems to take pains there to assimilate herself to a second Power. The instructions she gave to her agents seemed to be to thwart the Turkish Government in nothing. The result was that English subjects were exposed to vexations which the King of Naples would not tolerate. Thus has England destroyed in this country not only her own influence, but also, to a certain point, that of other civilised nations; for the Easterns do not make distinctions, and it is impossible that one European Power can lose its prestige in their eyes without the others suffering for it. The general impression of the Syrian Mussulmans is that the Frank Princes, enfeebled or divided, intimidated at the same time by the colossal power of the Turkish Empire, are incapable of really protecting their subjects there, and still more incapable of protecting the Sultan, so that if a massacre took place the Sultan would order the Pasha of Beyrout to salute the French and English flags, and no more would be said about it. The result is, that we live from day to day, and from hour to hour, in the expectation of a frightful drama which will put an end to the destinies of Christianity in Syria, and which history will know under the name of the 'Massacre of Damascus.'"—*Globe.*

## EXCESSIVE TAXATION, AND WHAT QUACKS SAY ABOUT IT.

Indications are already presented of the unpatriotic course which a number of third-rate members of Parliament will take in addressing their constituents during the winter. Mr. Bright, his confreres, and a few others from whom better things might have been expected, will seek to elude all effective criticism upon their conduct by repeating the cuckoo-cry, "We are a deplorably over-taxed people." They judge rightly that this utterance will strike a chord in the popular breast; but the English public have less common sense than they get credit for, if they attach any value to the windy eloquence of persons who protest against over-taxation on the platform after having absented themselves from, or remained silent in, the House during the discussion of the Estimates.

The last notion of this new democratic fantasia have been started by Messrs. Bright, Lindsay, and Vincent Scully. At last the member for Cork has had himself reported to his heart's content, flat jokes included; but, for all that he had to say to any purpose, he might as well have been contemptuously passed over by the short-hand writer. No originality can be claimed for one who simply writes over the vastness of the national expenditure. Unmistakable are very common tailors, and it does not wear a more comely appearance when couched in flippant language. Mr. Lindsay, the shipowner, looks at matters with greater rationality. His statement respecting the national finances, and the prospects for the interval between the present time and Spring next, is most alarming. As became the theme, he spoke in a serious spirit.

Our total expenditure for 1860-61, counting everything, will not fall far short of *seventy-six millions and a-half*. If we have a bad harvest, as seems certain; and if the working classes be thrown out of employment in any number, widespread and grave discontent must result. Mr. Lindsay goes too far when he represents this possible adverse state of things as a "*danger*" from which "*but* in our forecasting of the future so unfavourable a probability cannot be disregarded; and the hon. gentleman very judiciously urged the Government to save every pound they could safely retain of the estimated expenditure for the year.

The last is a good one; nothing would go farther to restore the lost reputation of the Chancellor of the Exchequer than were he able when Parliament meets again, to report that a considerable surplus lay in the Treasury to the credit of the year succeeding. It is, perhaps, Utopian to hope for any such saving. That there is room for it, without impairing the efficacy of the public service, few will question. It is true that the Government claim the merit of having reduced the Civil Service Estimates £300,000 this year. How much further they could go in a period of pressure, without a damage to public interests, none but themselves can tell.

It is not in these estimates, however, that great retrenchments can be made. We are prepared to say that, should Continental prospects speedily improve, and any considerable degree of confidence be restored, it will become the duty of the Ministry to consider candidly and fully to what extent they might abstain from expending for 1860-61 the large additional sums voted for the army and navy. No opinion can possibly be now offered as to the policy of such a step. At any time it must rest wholly with the Government to determine its prudence. The public will not unduly press the Cabinet to a course of the kind. The words of the Emperor Napoleon are still ringing in our ears:—"Why does not the Government of England put the country into such a state of defence as to render the idea of invasion ridiculous?" That is exactly what we are making large sacrifices with remarkable good temper, to accomplish.

The remainder of Mr. Lindsay's speech was *de omnibus rebus*, and goes for nothing. His reference to the comparative strength of the English and French navies, in which he sets down the former at 492 screw vessels, and the latter at 260, must be wrong. It is grounded upon an official French pamphlet. The sources cannot be described as unquestionable. Pass from Mr. Lindsay to the third of the prophets who preaches coming woes as the consequence of our heavy expenditure. The sweeping denunciation penned by Mr. Bright must be given at length. It is in the shape of a letter acknowledging a vote of thanks to the member for Birmingham from an influential Reform league.

"Rochdale, August 16, 1860.

"Dear Sir,—The resolution you have sent me has given me much pleasure. I am only sorry that my efforts have been so fruitless in the House of Commons. My report is valueless now, but I am still of opinion, on which men may differ without doubt, that it is a question of fact. If we consider the terms of the task set, we shall see that the effective as of the report is the only test of its value; and no one will undertake to say that the report offers any means of instituting a good method of military administration. It is so far from improving our prospects in this respect that the impression is strong on many minds that efficiency is not desired where it should be most earnestly pleaded for, and that it will not be obtained except by pressure from without.

"One constant excuse in such cases is, that it is one thing to complain and another to remedy. The demand of unprogressive and unreforming persons is, what we would have them do—how they are to help the evils we complain of? In this case, the demand may not be very unreasonable, seeing that it was precisely the business of the committee to provide an answer for such questions; but the public can hardly feel so deep a dissatisfaction with the War-office as it does now, without more or less idea of the proper remedies. Some of these we may suggest another day.—*Daily News.*

## THE WINE TRADE.

The Messrs. G. A. Haig and Co., wine merchants, Mark-lane, London, in a circular issued by them give some items of information exposing the abuses and mysteries of the wine trade, and explaining how it is that they supply excellent wines at something like half the price hitherto charged for them. The fall in the wine duty, they remark, has only been 5s. 6d. a dozen, while the price of good wine to the consumer has seldom been less than from 40s. to 80s. If, then, the actual fall of duty is to be the only reduction in price, it is plain that the measure, as a financial experiment, must be a dead failure. They therefore think that the whole course of the wine trade in this country must be altered, and have no hesitation in saying that the price of good wine to the consumer could be reduced 20s. or 30s. a dozen without any deterioration in quality. And so far from thinking that England is to be flooded with all sorts of abominable compounds under the name of wine, they have not a shadow of a doubt that the result of the measure will be altogether to stop adulteration, and to give to the consumers in these countries wines infinitely purer than the great majority of those they have hitherto been supplied with. Those conversant with trade have, they say, long known that the retail price of wine was out of all proportion to that at which it could be bought wholesale from the first importers, but hitherto wine has been the luxury of the rich, and the trade in it comparatively confined. Long credit and bad debts, limited business and high profits have been the order of the day. Ten, fifteen, or twenty shillings a dozen was considered only a fair profit in a limited business, and, as most wine in these countries usually passed through several hands ere they reached the consumers, it is easily seen that the price to them must have been enormously enhanced. Wine which under a fair system of trade might have been sold easily at 25s. a dozen, mounted up to 50s. ere it reached the hands of the London West-end merchant, and as he had to make a profit of 10s. or 20s. the temptation to adulterate was enormous, when he could easily obtain for 5s. or 6s. a pipe, a vile compound known as British port or British sherry, for the manufacture of which there were several large establishments in London—one of them being about as extensive as one of the great London breweries. To show that they do not exaggerate when they say that many wines before they reached the consumer were loaded with profits amounting to 300 per cent, or even more, they give the instance of champagne, a dozen of the wine which being bottled abroad it is almost impossible to adulterate in this country. Now, good ordinary champagne could for many years past be freely bought in London for cash at 21s. or 22s. a dozen in bond, and if to that they add the old duty and dock charges, say 12s., the cost would not have been more than 33s. or 34s. Yet this same wine at the West-end cost from 42s. up to 64s. or 68s. This system of exorbitant profits, they remark, has weighed more heavily on the wine trade of the country than the late high duties three times over.

The Messrs. Haig then pointed out a very gross imposition which is practised in the wine trade to an extent scarcely credible, that of small bottles. "It is a common practice, they say, for bottle blowers to manufacture for wine merchants bottles called twelves, or thirteen, or fourteen, or fifteen to the dozen, the meaning of which is that fifteen bottles of those called "fifteen to the dozen" hold no more than twelve honest bottles of the size called twelve to the dozen. Now twelve honest bottles ought to hold two gallons of wine besides leaving room for cording, but if one buys wine in this dishonest way, he must get one dozen and three bottles at a cost of 40s., in order to have the same quantity as twelve honest bottles would hold. In buying wine then in such bottles the purchaser would have been grossly cheated, for he would have been led to suppose he was only paying 32s. when he was really paying 40s. a dozen.

"There is another deceit practised on the wine trade to which they call attention. This is the clap-clap of wine "old in bottle." On the Continent wine is usually ripened in cask and then drunk newly bottled. There is no doubt, however, that age will improve them all, but this, the Messrs. Haig impress on the consumer, that if he wants wine really old in bottle he must keep it in his own cellar, because one year there is worth three in this with most wine merchants. "Do not," they observe, "forget the indisputable fact that wine bottled on the 31st of December, 1859, was two years in bottle on the 1st of January, 1860, although only one day had elapsed since the corks were driven, and of course will have been three years in bottle on 1st January, 1861. Do not be misled either by a thick crust on port. It is no proof that the wine is old in bottle, because port wine is often put into bottles with an old crust adhering to it, and still oftener into bottles in which an artificial crust of old wine lees and bullocks' blood has been baked, and if the crust sticks very tight and the wine proves bright to the last drop, you may be precisely sure the crust was never deposited by the wine you have just poured off from it. The thing is very simple. Some old wine lees and bullocks' blood are made just thick enough to pour; a small quantity is put into each bottle, which is then turned gently half round so as to spread it evenly on one side and then laid carefully on to a rack. When a sufficient number are done the top-side is white-washed to mark it, artificial heat applied, and in a short time each bottle has a hard, firm crust upon it. The wine is then put in, corks dyed with logwood used, and the bottles laid down on their side in a room into which a lot of dust is blown. This falling down adheres to the upper side, and forth comes the wine "splendid old port, fifteen years in bottle."—*Cork Constitution.*

## DUBLIN, WICKLOW, AND WEXFORD RAILWAY COMPANY.

The following are the reports of the directors and engineer of this company, to be submitted to the meeting which will be held on the 31st inst.:—

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

In submitting the usual statements of capital and revenue accounts, showing the receipts and expenditure for the half-year ended 30th June, 1860, it is satisfactory to observe that notwithstanding the long winter, and the continuance of inclement weather during the spring and summer months of that half-year, there has been, nevertheless, an increase of the traffic receipts. There has been an increase of traffic receipts on the Wicklow line of £920 14s 4d, and on the Kingstown line of £174 2s 9d, giving an increase on the whole of £1,164 17s 1d, in comparison with the corresponding half-year ended 30th June, 1859. On the whole year ended 30th June, 1860, as compared with the corresponding previous year, there has been an increase of traffic receipts of £5,193 18s 7d:—namely, £3,518 17s 2d increase on the Wicklow line (on which the traffic amounted to £88,900 5s, as against £85,381 7s 10d in the corresponding year), and 1,608 1s 5d increase on the Kingstown line (on which the traffic receipts were £61,833 11s 1d, as against £60,224 9s 8d. The gross revenue of the Kingstown line for the year just closed having exceeding £35,000, the Kingstown Company has become entitled, under the lease, to the contingent rent of 30 per cent. of such excess, in addition to the fixed rent and the compensation rent for diversion of traffic under the agreement of 1st October, 1859. The payment of these three rents, amounting to £17,914 11s 6d, appears in the accounts accordingly. The bill promoted in Parliament by the two companies, for giving validity to the agreement of 1st October, 1859, received the Royal assent on the 25th of May last. Out of the balance of £8,578 12s 1d, the dividend for the half-year on the six per cent. preference shares is payable. The final call on these shares having been made, they have now been fully paid up; and the dividend for the half-year ended 30th June last amounts to about £5,949, leaving the surplus to be carried forward to next account. The arrangements of this company for its part of the improved postal and passenger communication with England had been completed, and the company was ready to commence the new system on the 1st of August instant, in accordance with the notice previously received from the Post-office authorities; by whom, however, the new service has since been postponed, in consequence of only one of the Steam-packet Company's new vessels being ready. The works on the first section of the extension, down to Enniscorthy, are in active progress; and of the remainder of the extension, down to Enniscorthy, has been laid out, and the working plans are near completion. The act for the extension from Gorey to Enniscorthy was passed on 15th May, 1860; and the shares by means of which the capital for the Gorey and Enniscorthy extensions is to be raised, as determined at the extraordinary meeting of 18th June last, are in course of issue.

The engineer's report is annexed; and also a schedule of rolling stock, to which it has been necessary to make some additions to meet the growing requirements of the traffic. It has likewise been found expedient to continue the doubling of the line from Dundrum to Bray, with a view to the more convenient working of the increased traffic on the Bray line; and a new station has been established at Milltown, on that line. A temporary station is likewise being tried at Sandymount, on the Kingstown line.

The time has now arrived when the paid-up shares in the company may, with convenience and advantage in the transaction of the business, be consolidated and converted into stock. This operation will not in any way prejudice or alter the rights and interests of the respective classes of shareholders, which will remain wholly unaffected thereby. Resolutions will be submitted to the general meeting accordingly.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

Since my last half-yearly report, the works and permanent way of your line have been maintained in good order; any defective rails are being removed and replaced by heavier and better ones.

The works for doubling the line between Dundrum and Shankhill are being rapidly proceeded with. I expect the second line of rails will be laid in about two months. When this is done there will be a double line the entire way from Dublin to Bray, which will greatly facilitate the proper working of the traffic. This work will be completed in the next estimate.

Two new stations have been opened, one at Sandymount on the Kingstown, the other at Milltown on the Bray line. They will afford much accommodation to the neighbouring districts.

On the first division of the extension to Enniscorthy, which extends from Wicklow to Tigroney, a distance of 14¼ miles, your contractor, Mr. Edwards, is actively engaged. Between Wicklow and Rathdrum he has made considerable progress with the fencing and earthworks, and has built two underbridges and several culverts, which are well and substantially executed. The rest of the extension has been staked out and surveyed, and in a few weeks I shall have the working plans and estimates of the whole line to Enniscorthy complete.

## DUBLIN WATER WORKS COMMISSION.

Her Majesty's Commissioner, John Hawkshaw, Esq., C.E., sat yesterday, and resumed the inquiry into this matter.

There were present amongst others—The Lord Mayor, Mr. Chambers, T.C.; Mr. Hawksley, C.E.; Dr. Gray, Chairman of the Water Works Committee; Mr. Wharton, T.C.; Mr. Bateman, C.E.; Mr. Neville, City Engineer; Mr. Fredrick Ball, T.C.; Mr. Mallet, C.E.; Mr. Purcell, T.C.; Mr. M'Mullen, Secretary of the Grand Canal Company; Mr. C. Clibborne, Mr. F. Morgan, Law Agent; Mr. Farquhar, Town Clerk; Mr. James Haughton, Mr. Frith, C.E.

Mr. Bateman handed in copies of Dr. Thompson's analysis, read by him on the previous day. He made explanations to show the purity of the streams in the neighbourhood of Ballymanus, where the proposes to construct his reservoir. He then read Mr. Yeates' return of his rain guages, from which it appeared that from the 23rd of February to the 6th of June, 1860, the rain at Dublin was eight inches. At the Leefin Mountain, which is 2,000 feet high, the rain was 13 inches, decimal 10. From the 23rd of February to the 9th of July, the rain at Dublin was nine inches, decimal 67; and at the same time, on the Leefin Mountains (over Ballysmutten), 18 inches, 10 decimal. That was an increase of nearly 80 per cent. in that time. From the 23rd February to the 21st August, inclusive, the rain fall at Dublin was 17 inches; at Blessington 21 inches; at Ballysmutten, on the site of the proposed reservoir, 27 inches. This showed an increase over Dublin of nine inches, or about 50 per cent. More than 50 to nearly 60 per cent. more rain fell at Ballysmutten than at Dublin. He had given in the general returns up to 1852, which were all he could obtain published. He wished to mention a circumstance which might be useful with regard to the spongilla found in the Dublin water pipes.—At Manchester, before the introduction of soft water, the city was supplied by hard water, which had favoured the growth of a small fresh water mussel, which thickly line the reservoirs and pipes. There were myriads of them, and they lay in the pipes as thick as paving stones. These were caused by the large quantity of lime in the water. He was curious to see what would be the effect of passing water without lime. This was done ten or eleven years since, and the result was that these mussels have entirely disappeared. There was no longer anything from which they could make their shells, and for years on their discharge the small pipes were found choked with them. If soft water were supplied to Dublin in place of the present hard water, which probably favoured the growth of spongillæ they would probably disappear.

Mr. Thomas Mallett, C.E., then at considerable length proceeded to place his